GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
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Data Bank of Students
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) the country-wise number of Indian students studying in other countries including the US as on date;

(b) whether the Government proposes to form a data bank of all the students migrating to foreign countries for study;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the time by which such data bank is likely to be formed;

(d) whether the Government proposes to issue guidelines to the students who seek admission in foreign countries to study; and

(e) if so, the time by which such guidelines are likely to be issued by the Government?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) Estimated country-wise number of Indian students, compiled on the basis of inputs received till 27.03.2017 from Indian Missions abroad is attached as Annexure.

(b) & (c) The Ministry has set up on 15 July, 2016 an online portal for Registration of Indian Students Abroad, inviting them to register voluntarily and provide data about the courses they are studying, location, institution, duration of the course, etc. The portal would provide data about Indian students abroad and map their preferred courses, locations, etc. The registration of students in the portal will be an ongoing process, as the movement of Indian students to other countries, change of visa status, and their return to India, would be a dynamic process.

Ministry, through its Missions/Posts abroad, have been regularly interacting with Indian students studying abroad to register their details on the students module voluntarily and also encouraging the Indian student organizations and Indian Community Associations for the same through social media platforms.

(d) & (e) Ministry and Missions issue advisories from time to time asking Indian students to carry all documentation and undertake due diligence to ensure that the foreign institutions to which they are seeking admission have proper authorization and capacities.

The Ministry of External Affairs and Indian Missions/Posts abroad take prompt action to address issues pertaining to welfare of Indian students who are enrolled in foreign universities and educational institutions.

The Ministry and our Missions are in regular contact with foreign governments, universities and educational institutions, Indian Student Associations and community organizations and take all possible measures to provide assistance to Indian students in foreign countries, as and when required.

Indian Student Welfare Officers have been designated in Indian Missions, in countries where there are large number of Indian students enrolled.